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Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period December 2023

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Key statistics

In trend terms, in December 2023:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.8%.
- participation rate remained at 67.0%.
- employment increased to 14,246,000.

- employment to population ratio decreased to 64.4%.
- underemployment rate remained at 6.5%.
- monthly hours worked decreased to 1,928 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in December 2023:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.9%.
- participation rate decreased to 66.8%.
- employment decreased to 14,201,100.
- employment to population ratio decreased to 64.2%.
- underemployment rate remained at 6.5%.
- monthly hours worked decreased to 1,926 million.
- full-time employment decreased by 106,600 to 9,791,200 people.
- part-time employment increased by 41,400 to 4,409,900 people.

Key statistics - Trend

	Nov-2023	Dec-2023	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,227,200	14,246,000	18,800	0.1%	418,500	3.0%
Unemployed people	565,300	569,000	3,700	0.7%	65,600	13.0%
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.8%	0.0 pts	na	0.3 pts	na
Underemployment rate	6.5%	6.5%	0.0 pts	na	0.4 pts	na
Participation rate	67.0%	67.0%	-0.1 pts	na	0.2 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,933 million	1,928 million	-5 million	-0.2%	19 million	1.0%

Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

	Nov-2023	Dec-2023	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,266,200	14,201,100	-65,100	-0.5%	381,000	2.8%
Unemployed people	574,400	573,600	-800	-0.1%	76,000	15.3%

	Nov-2023	Dec-2023	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.9%	0.0 pts	na	0.4 pts	na
Underemployment rate	6.5%	6.5%	0.0 pts	na	0.4 pts	na
Participation rate	67.3%	66.8%	-0.4 pts	na	0.1 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,936 million	1,926 million	-10 million	-0.5%	23 million	1.2%

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

For definitions of labour statistics used in this publication, please refer to [Glossary of Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2023#glossary\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2023#glossary).

Survey impacts and changes

Impacts from floods in Queensland

Flooding in Queensland in December 2023 has resulted in some disruption to the operation of the Labour Force Survey. However, an extensive assessment has concluded that the quality of collected survey data from Queensland is fit for publication without any need for imputation.

Given the recent frequent extreme weather events in some areas, the ABS will continue to monitor the impact on collection activities over coming months and undertake additional analysis of the collected data to ensure the quality of final estimates.

Upcoming improvements to the Labour Force estimation method in early 2024

As part of ongoing improvements to the estimation method for Labour Force statistics, the ABS will make some minor changes in how it accounts for some relatively small population groups within the sample.

There are various small groups, which together account for less than 2 per cent of the overall sample, who are more difficult to survey each month, contribute a higher degree of

underlying sampling variability, and for whom there is more reliable auxiliary data sources (e.g. regular administrative data). This includes some people who don't live in private dwellings and some people who live in remote and very remote parts of Australia.

As noted in recent Labour Force releases, ABS research and analysis has shown that estimation models that draw on auxiliary data for these groups produce a better quality contribution for them to aggregate Labour Force statistics.

Since then, in finalising the improved estimation model, the ABS has identified further improvements in how the auxiliary data should be used within these models.

Given many, but not all, of these groups have a relatively higher proportion of people who are not in the labour force, the optimised estimation method will better account for these people and their labour force characteristics. For recent years, this will generally mean an increase in the level and reduce the variability in the aggregate estimate of persons not in the labour force, along with corresponding changes to the employed and unemployed estimates.

As noted on 16 November 2023, the revisions to the participation rate will be greater than was noted in the 19 October release, while there will still be relatively little change in the unemployment rate.

In order to afford time to incorporate these further improvements into the method, the ABS will introduce the new method with the February 2024 release (and quarterly population rebenchmarking revisions) on 21 March 2024.

Further information, including on revisions, will be provided in the January 2024 release on 15 February.

New Labour Force Survey sample phase-in

Since July 2018, the Labour Force Survey sample has been selected using information collected in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. The quality of the Labour Force sample is maintained by updating it with information from the most recent Census.

From September 2023, the sample frame has been updated with information from the 2021 Census, with sample selection from the new sample being phased in over eight months from September 2023 to April 2024.

This update is expected to have minimal impact on sample selection, and as with previous sample changes, will be monitored.

For more information please refer to [Sample Design of Labour Force, Australia Methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2023#sample-design\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2023#sample-design).

Update on enhanced regional labour market data

As part of ongoing improvements to the estimation method for Labour Force statistics, the ABS is also developing improved monthly regional labour force estimates.

A new [information paper \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data) was released on 30 October 2023 with the following updates on progress towards releasing higher quality regional labour force statistics:

- refinements to the model that will be used to produce improved SA4 level estimates
- updated SA4 estimates through to August 2023, based on the refined version of the model
- information on release plans, including timing
- plans to continue enhancing regional labour force statistics through modelling finer level sub-state estimates.

There have been changes to the release plans since 30 October 2023, when the [information paper \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data) was released. To incorporate the further improvements to the estimation method for some relatively small population groups within the sample, the first monthly release of the modelled SA4 estimates will now be in early May 2024, one week after the release of March 2024 issue of [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release), with March 2024 being the latest month of data available.

The ABS has also released a research paper, [A Rao-Yu model for small area estimation of labour force statistics \(/statistics/research/rao-yu-model-small-area-estimation-labour-force-statistics\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/research/rao-yu-model-small-area-estimation-labour-force-statistics), with additional details on the Rao-Yu area-level time series model used to produce these estimates.

Survey response and timeline

The December Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 26 November to Saturday 9 December, and collected over the period from Sunday 3 December to Wednesday 20 December.

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

Reference and Enumeration Dates

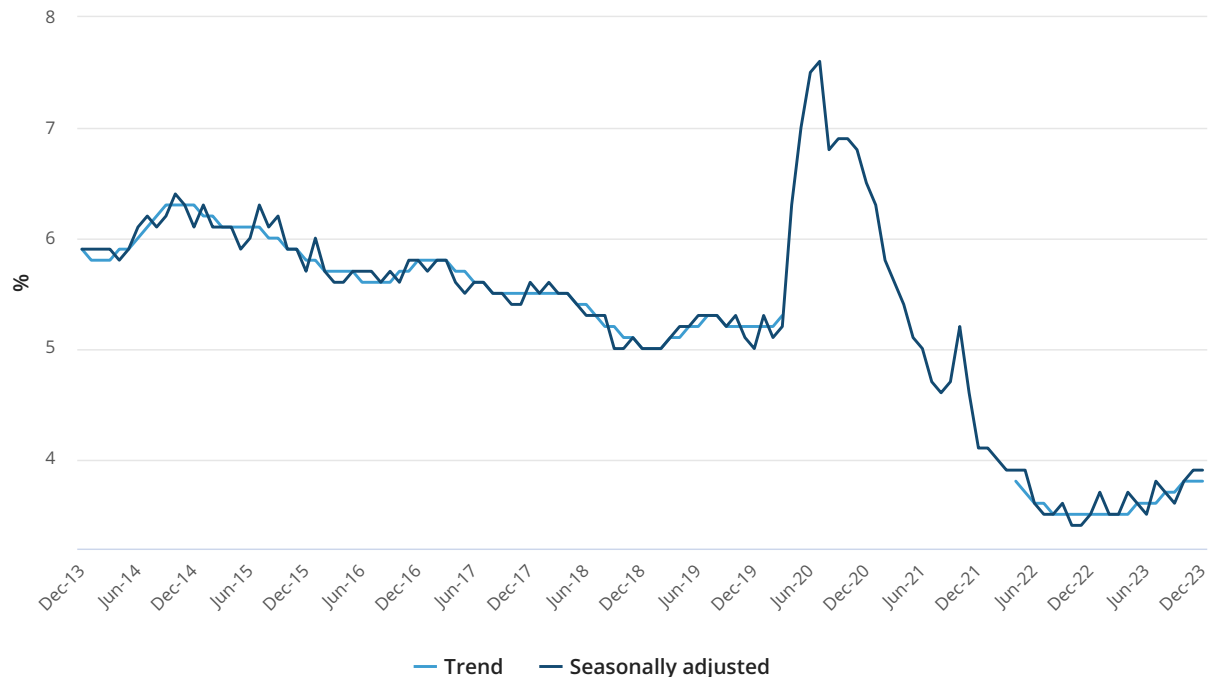
Publication	Start of Reference Week	End of Reference Week	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
Nov-23	29th October 2023	11th November 2023	5th November 2023	25th November 2023
Dec-23	26th November 2023	9th December 2023	3rd December 2023	20th December 2023
Jan-24	31st December 2023	13th January 2024	7th January 2024	27th January 2024
Feb-24	4th February 2024	17th February 2024	11th February 2024	2nd March 2024
Mar-24	3rd March 2024	16th March 2024	10th March 2024	30th March 2024
Apr-24	31st March 2024	13th April 2024	7th April 2024	27th April 2024

Unemployment

In trend terms, in December 2023:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.8%.
- unemployed people increased by 3,700 to 569,000.
- youth unemployment rate increased to 9.4%.

Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, December 2023 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2023\)](#).

Employment

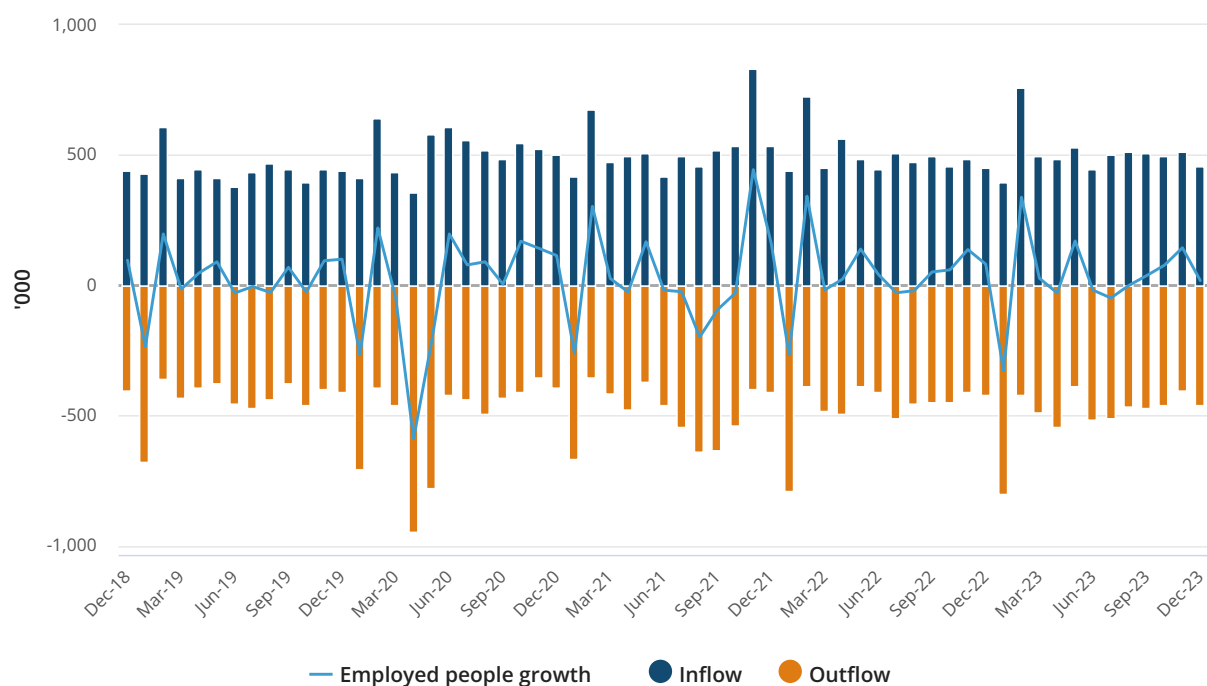
In trend terms, in December 2023, employment increased by 18,800 people (0.1%) to 14,246,000 people.

Flows into and out of employment

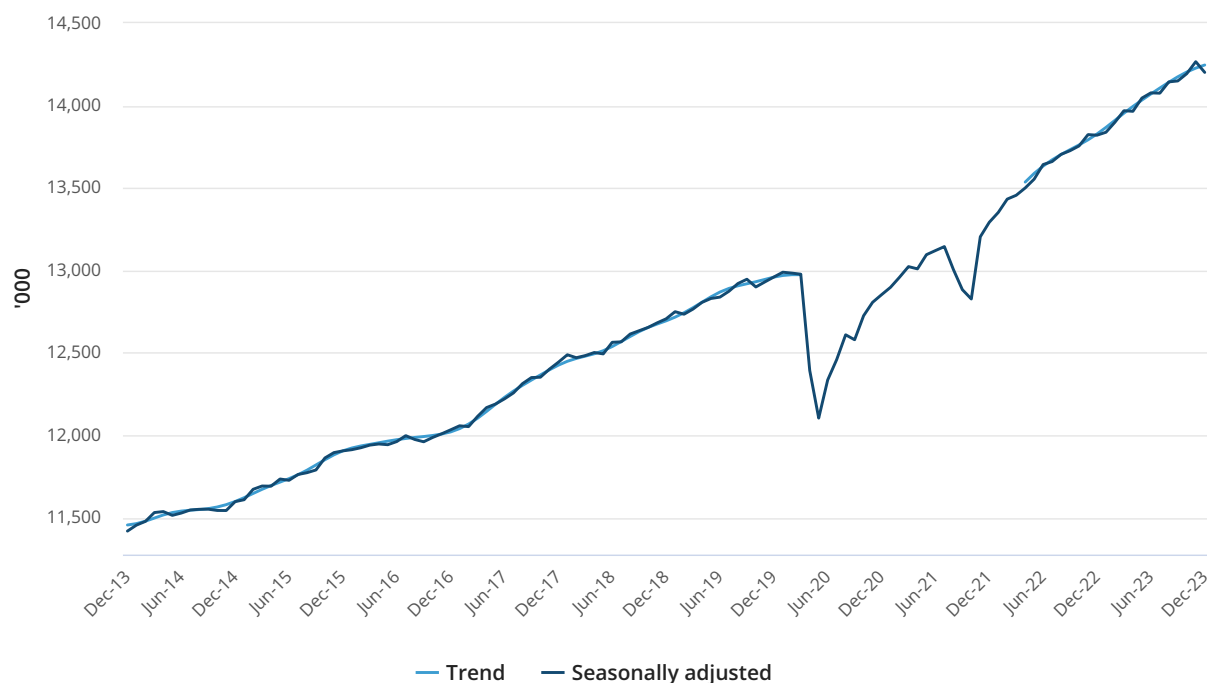
Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

For December 2023, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 455,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in November but were employed in December), while around 459,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in November but not employed in December). This contrasts with November 2023, where around 516,000 people entered employment and around 404,000 people left employment.

Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



Employed people



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Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in December 2023:

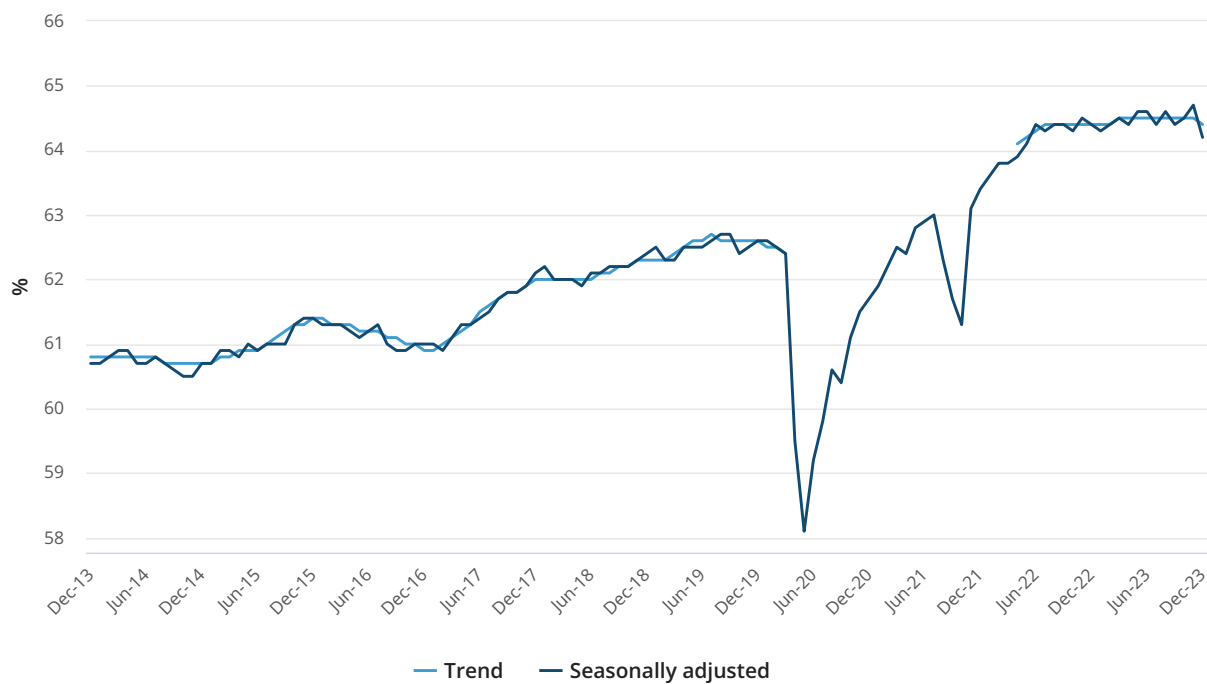
- full-time employment decreased by 1,800 to 9,857,100 people, and part-time employment increased by 20,600 to 4,388,900 people.
- part-time share of employment was 30.8%.

Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in December 2023, the employment-to-population ratio decreased to 64.4%.

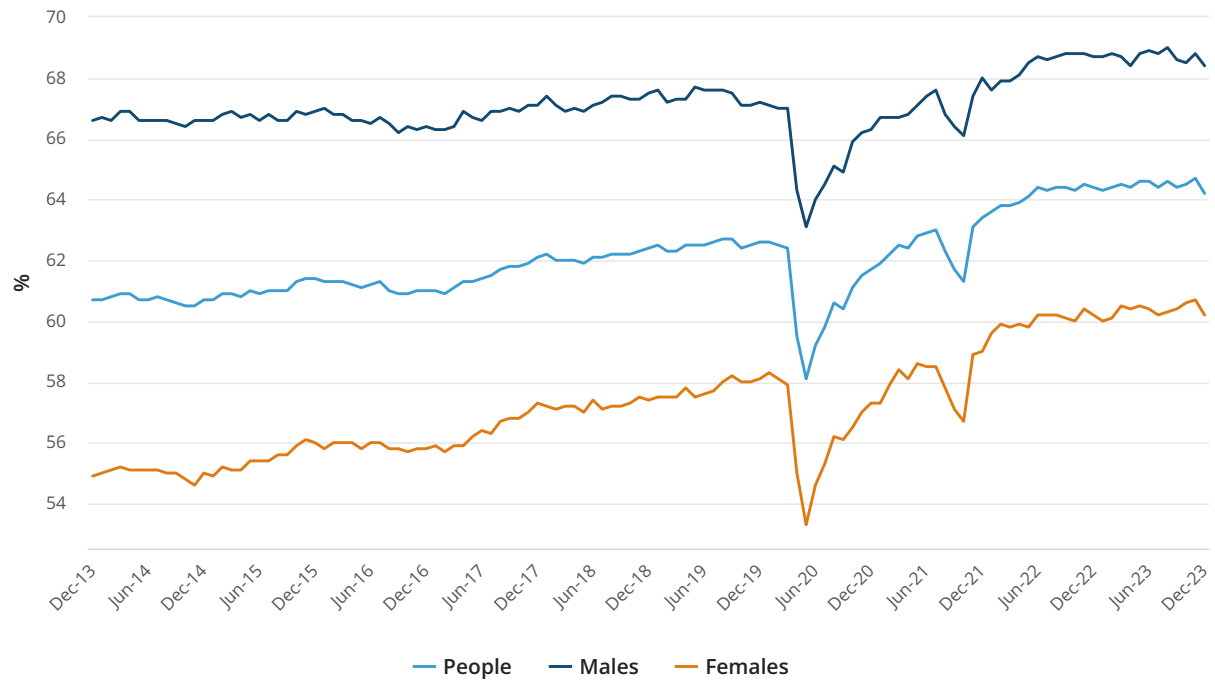
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

Employment-to-population ratio



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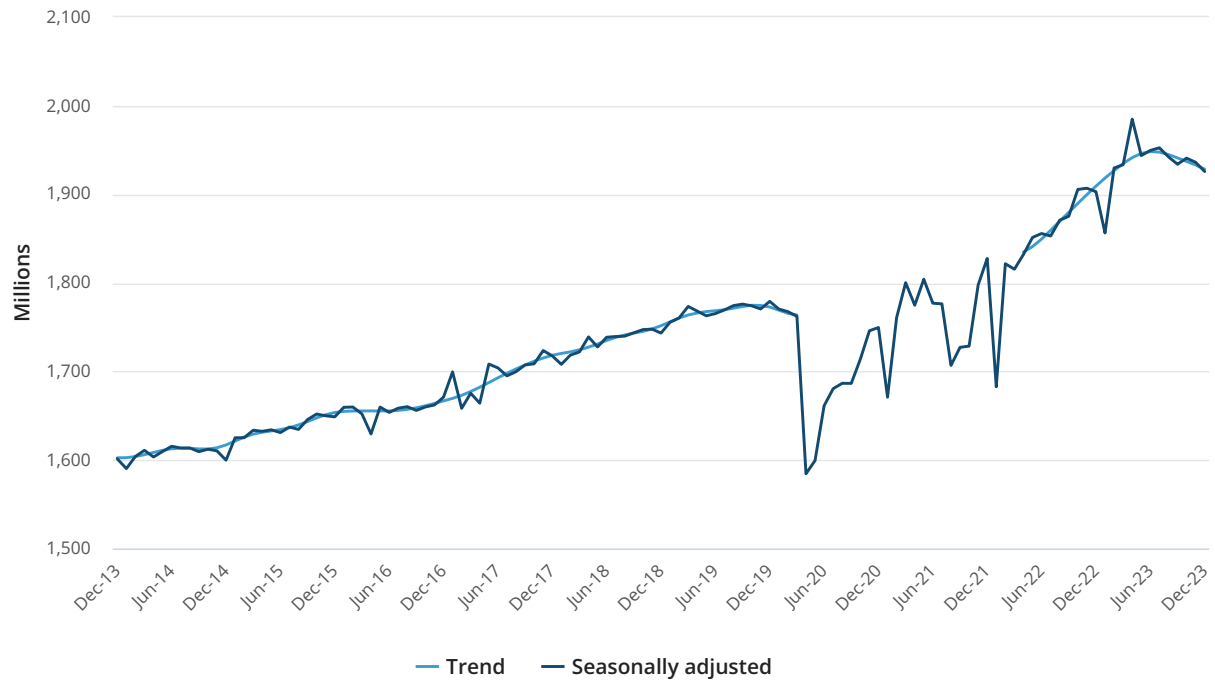
Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted



Hours worked

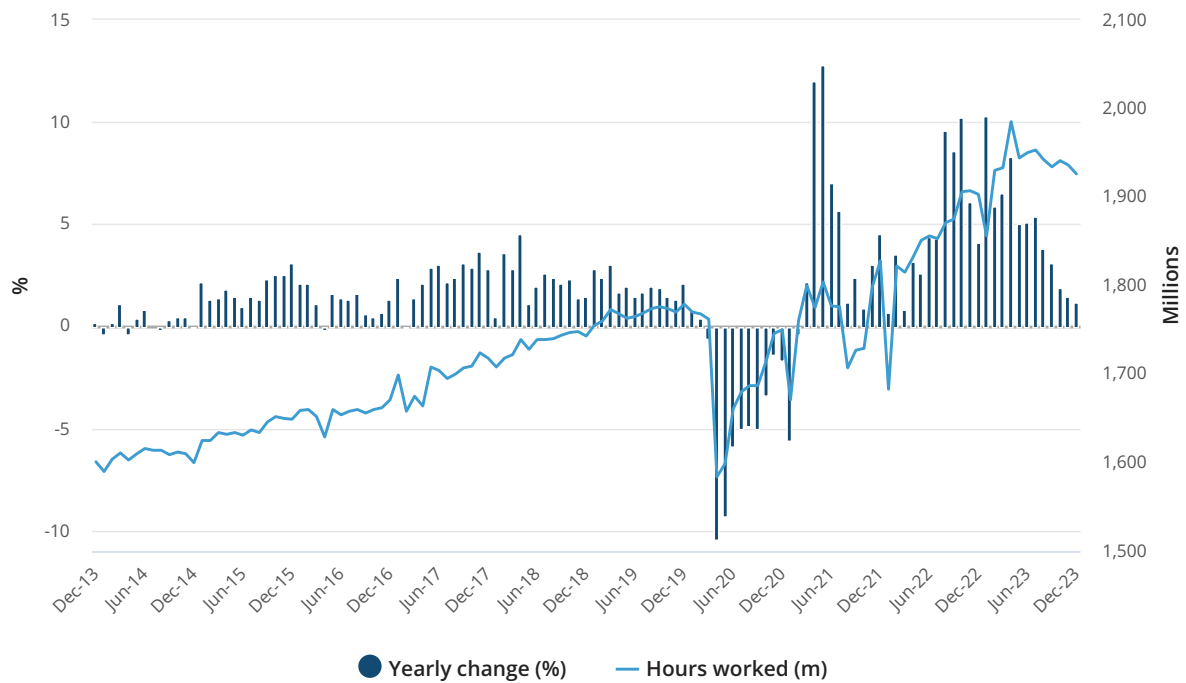
In trend terms, in December 2023, monthly hours worked in all jobs decreased by 4.7 million hours (-0.2%) to 1,928 million hours.

Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted

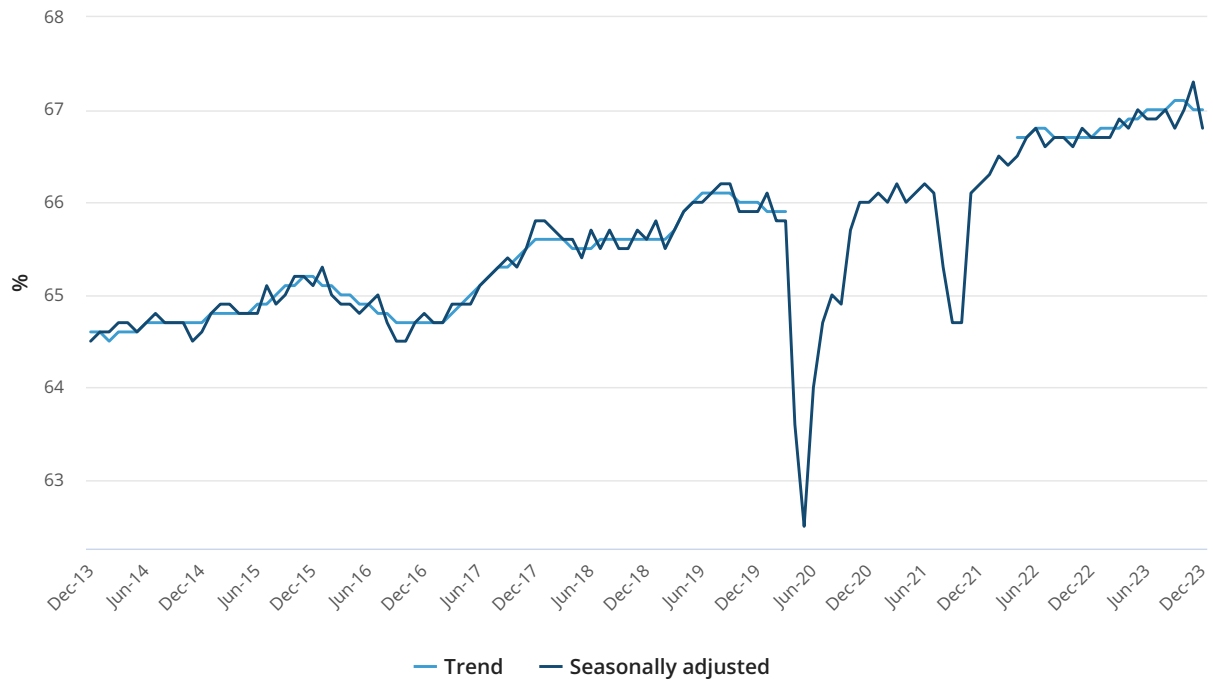


Participation

In trend terms, in December 2023, the participation rate:

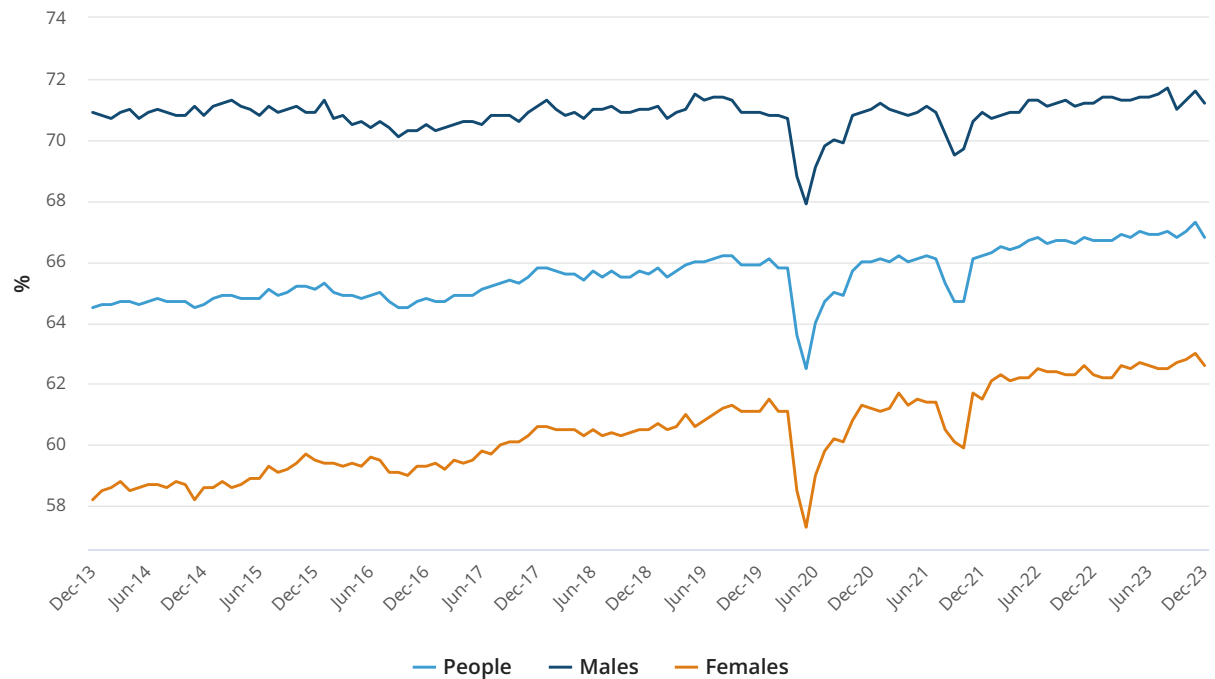
- remained at 67.0%.
- decreased to 71.3% for men and remained at 62.8% for women.

Participation rate



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Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted

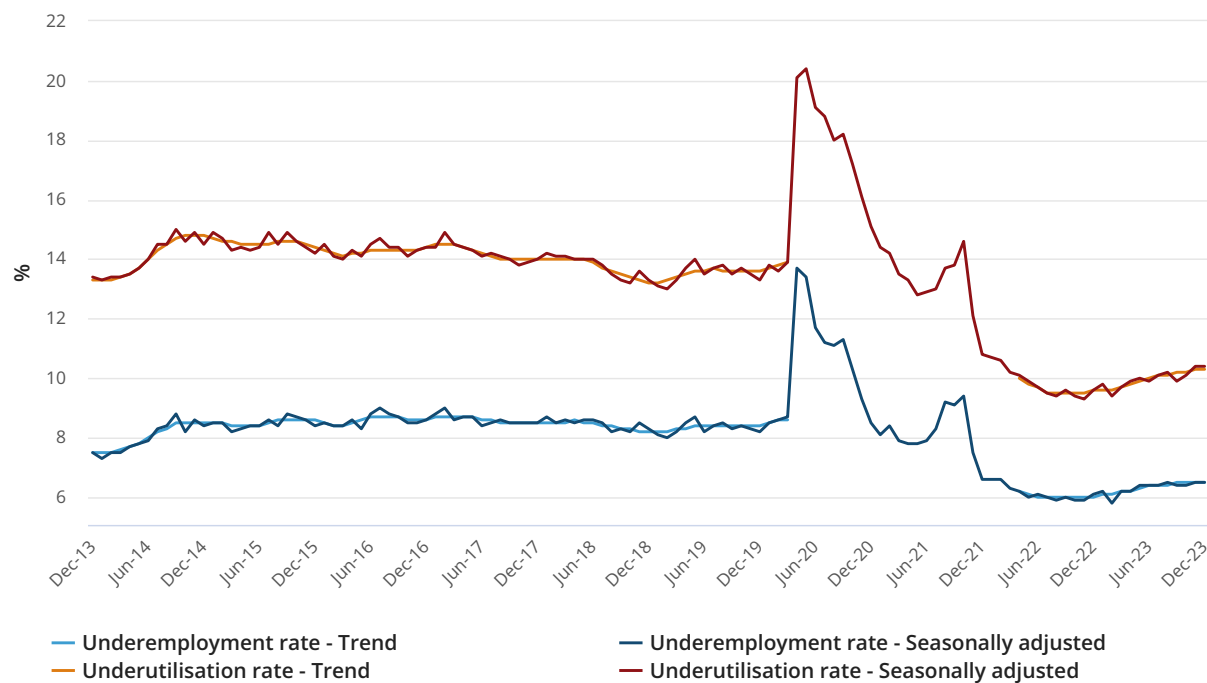


Underemployment

In trend terms, in December 2023:

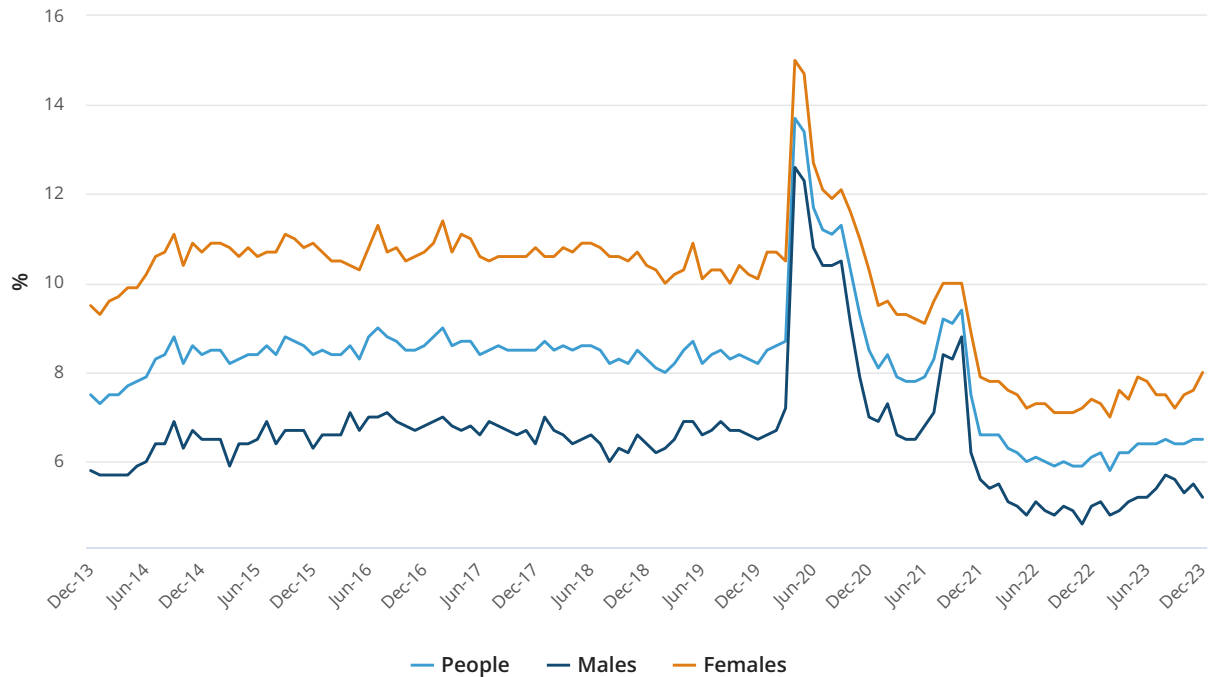
- underemployment rate remained at 6.5%.
- underutilisation rate remained at 10.3%.

Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate



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Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



States and Territories

December 2023 - Trend

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory
Employed people	4,431,500	3,689,700	2,879,700	954,500	1,591,800	288,000	
Employed people - monthly change	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	
Employment to population ratio	64.0%	64.8%	63.9%	61.5%	66.9%	59.9%	
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	-0.2 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	North Territory
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.0%	4.4%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	
Underemployment rate	6.5%	6.5%	7.1%	7.4%	6.0%	6.8%	
Underemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.1 pts	
Participation rate	66.3%	67.5%	66.8%	64.0%	69.5%	62.3%	
Participation rate - monthly change	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	

December 2023 - Seasonally adjusted

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	North Territory
Employed people	4,423,600	3,682,100	2,883,600	945,800	1,587,600	288,500	
Employed people - monthly change	-0.8%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-1.3%	-0.4%	0.6%	
Employment to population ratio	63.9%	64.7%	64.0%	61.0%	66.7%	60.0%	
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	-0.6 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.2 pts	-0.9 pts	-0.4 pts	0.3 pts	
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%	
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.2 pts	0.0 pts	
Underemployment rate	6.5%	6.2%	7.2%	7.5%	6.3%	6.9%	
Underemployment rate - monthly change	0.1 pts	-0.3 pts	0.2 pts	0.5 pts	0.5 pts	0.1 pts	
Participation rate	66.2%	67.4%	66.9%	63.5%	69.4%	62.2%	

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	North Territory
Participation rate - monthly change	-0.6 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.9 pts	-0.3 pts	0.3 pts	

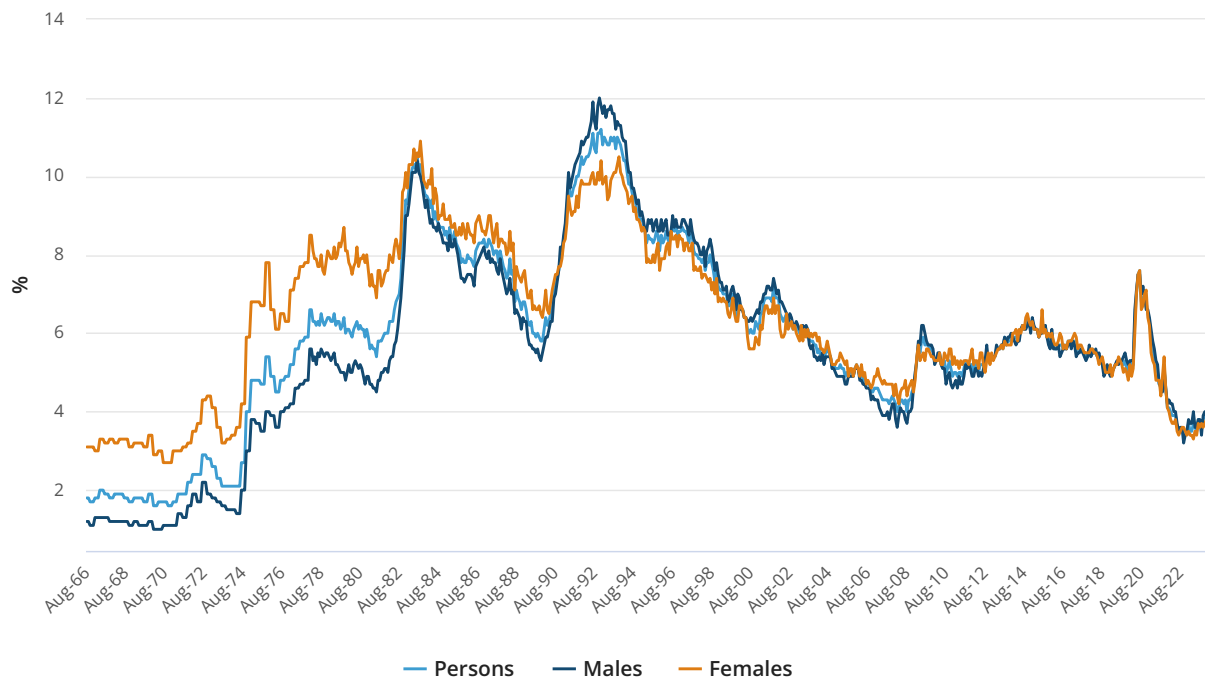
Historical charts

Historical charts for employed, unemployed, unemployment rate and participation rate from August 1966 to December 2023

Historical Labour Force estimates of employment, unemployment rate, and participation rate from the historical quarterly and monthly Labour Force Survey.

Prior to 1978 the historical Labour Force Survey was collected quarterly; the current Labour Force Survey is collected monthly. Please refer to the [history of changes \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/dec-2023#history-of-changes\)](#) to see the differences between the historical and current Labour Force Survey.

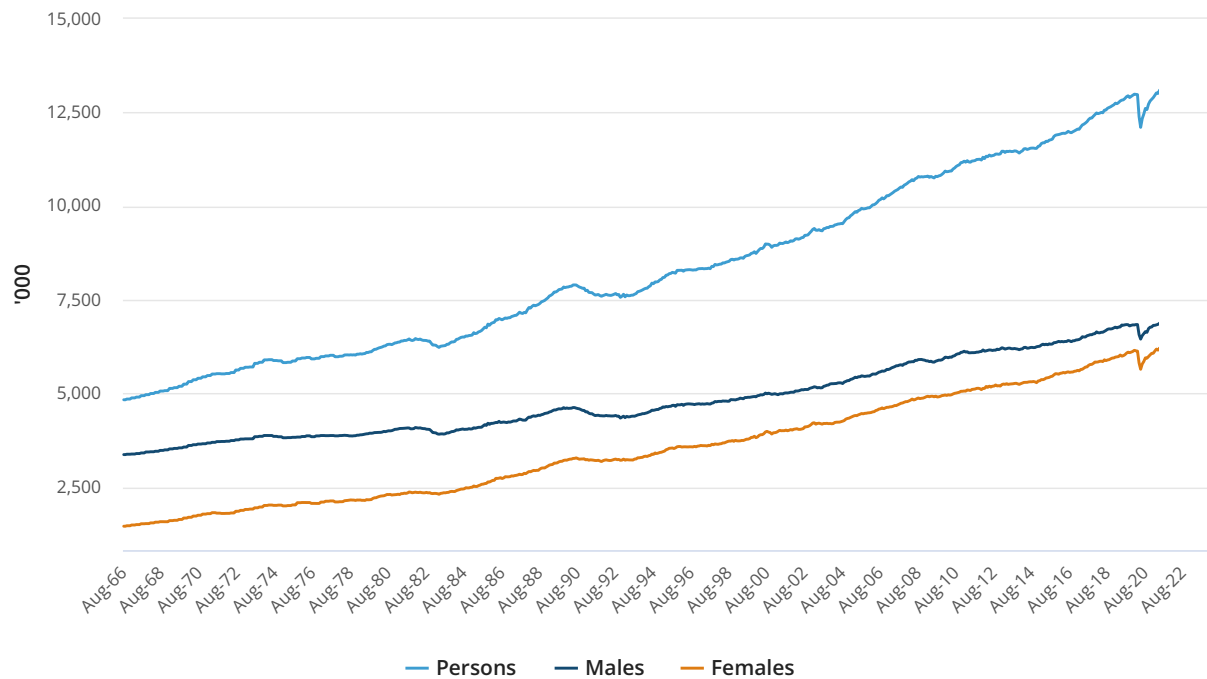
Unemployment rate, Australia, August 1966 to December 2023, Seasonally adjusted



February 1978 to December 2023 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

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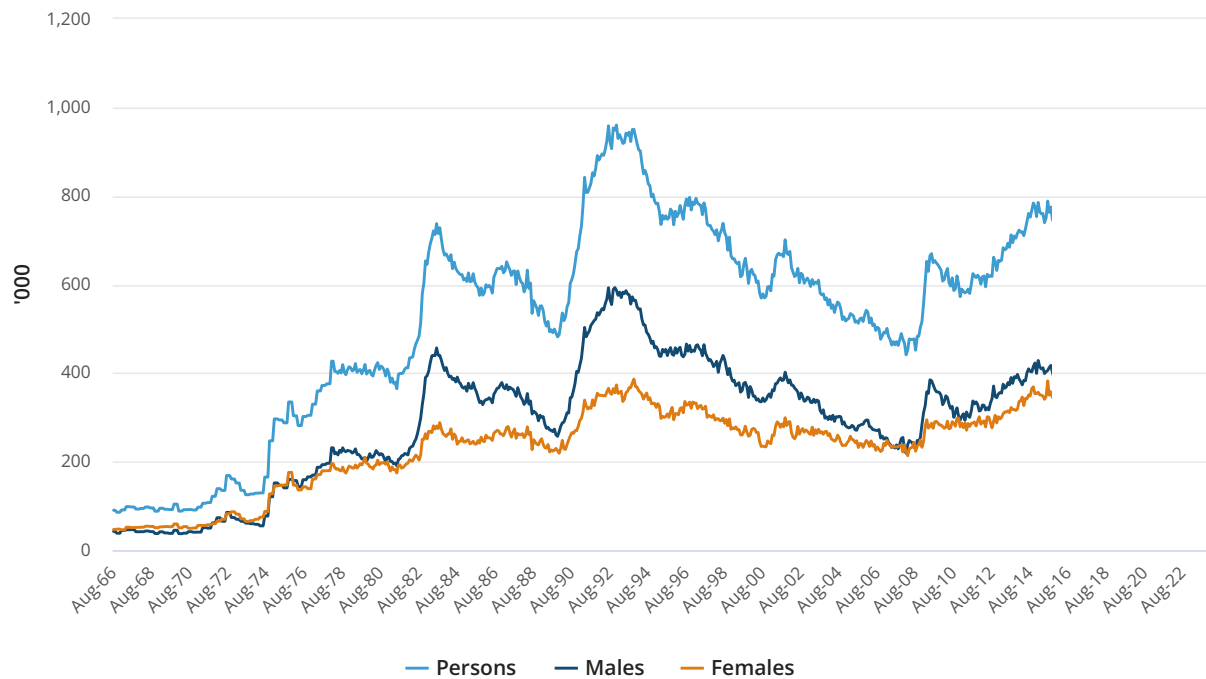
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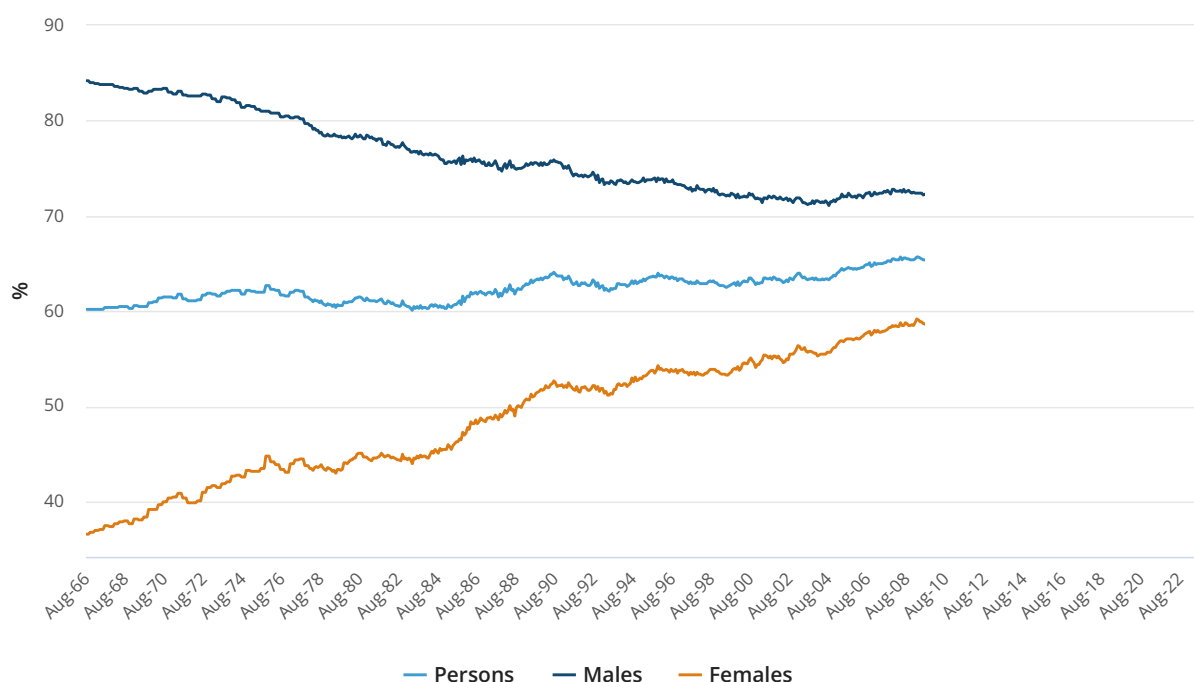
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Participation rate, Australia, August 1966 to December 2023, Seasonally adjusted



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Rotation group analysis

Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates

reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups

Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

	November outgoing rotation group	December incoming rotation group	December outgoing rotation group	December estimate (Original)
Employment to population ratio	65.7%	65.3%	65.6%	64.9%
Full-time employment to population ratio	45.2%	45.3%	45.8%	44.9%
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%	3.8%

	November outgoing rotation group	December incoming rotation group	December outgoing rotation group	December estimate (Original)
Participation rate	67.9%	68.0%	68.1%	67.4%

States and Territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. In December, the incoming rotation group in Queensland had a lower employment-to-population ratio and a lower participation rate than the group it replaced. These ratios of the incoming rotation group in Queensland are similar to all other rotation groups in Queensland. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data

The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

Contribution from sample components to estimates

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Data downloads

Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release

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